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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2019 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Foil to Engrossed House Bill No. 466 by Representative Davis

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1 2 On page 1, delete lines 10 through 20 in their entirety and on page 2, delete lines 1 and 2 in 3 their entirety and insert the following: 4 "(c)(i) If the written notice by certified mail is returned for any reason, the 5 tax collector shall demonstrate a reasonable and diligent effort to provide notice of the tax sale to the tax debtor. To demonstrate a reasonable and diligent effort, the tax collector shall attempt to deliver notice of the delinquent taxes and tax sale by first class mail to the last known address of the debtor and take any two of the 8 9 following additional steps to notify the tax debtor: 10 (aa) Perform a computer search of digitized records and databases of the clerk of court or sheriff's office for addresses of other properties that may be owned 11 12 by the debtor. 13 (bb) Contact the tax assessor of the parish in which the property is located 14 for the addresses of other properties that may be owned by the debtor. 15 (cc) Examine the mortgage or conveyance records of the parish where the 16 property is located to determine whether there are any other transactions pertaining 17 to the property. 18 (dd) Attempt personal or domiciliary service of the notice. 19 (ee) Post the notice of tax sale at the property. 20 (ii) The notice of the tax sale shall be sent by certified mail or commercial 21 courier to all addresses discovered through the steps set forth in this Subparagraph. The tax collector may recover all reasonable and customary costs actually incurred 22 23 in complying with these steps. 24 25 (iii) Failure of the debtor to receive actual notice of the tax sale shall not affect the validity of the tax sale when the tax collector demonstrates a reasonable 26 and diligent effort to provide notice of the tax sale as set forth in this Subsection. If 27 28 the debtor is deceased, the notice of tax sale and the reasonable and diligent effort 29 to provide notice of the tax sale shall be sufficient if to the succession representative,

if applicable, or to a curator as provided by law."

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